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Sent: 3/4/2015 9:53:40 PM
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CC: Parker, Robert [Parker.Robert@epa.gov]; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa [Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: statement on CFAC

Fyi, looping you all in on this Montana SF sites question from Montana Public Radio about whether any of them have been deemed as "cleanup complete."

I provided a general answer below, but would welcome any insights on the specific SF terminology of "cleanup complete" versus "delisted" versus any other terms that might help clarify CFAC's claim that-- despite years of work-- cleanup at none of the SF sites in Montana has been completed.

Rich
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-----Original Message-----

From: Mylott, Richard
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 2:37 PM
To: 'OBrien, Edward'
Subject: RE: statement on CFAC

Ed-- here's a list of sites from our website. I'll check on the "complete" terminology, but each site is very different in terms of the nature of environmental challenges, the extent of cleanup activity that has occurred to date, requirements for ongoing monitoring, and next steps. Its worth noting that the majority of Superfund sites in Montana are associated with past mining activities that often affect large geographic areas and watersheds. While significant progress has been made to address risk and exposure at these sites, they, by their very nature, often require long-term attention. Similarly, many other sites in Montana involve groundwater plumes and contamination that require long-term monitoring and a review of the remedies in place to ensure that human health remains protected.

<http://www2.epa.gov/region8/montana-cleanup-sites>

Rich Mylott

-----Original Message-----

From: OBrien, Edward [mailto:Edward.OBrien@mso.umn.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 1:05 PM
To: Mylott, Richard
Subject: RE: statement on CFAC

Turns out I do have 1 question:

CFAC's spokesman says there are 18 superfund sites in Montana, some of which have been superfund projects since the program's inception 31 years ago. He says no site's (cleanup) has been deemed complete. Is that true?

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From: Mylott, Richard [mailto:Mylott.Richard@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 10:45 AM
To: OBrien, Edward
Subject: RE: statement on CFAC

No problem, Ed. Will keep you on short list when we have news.

-----Original Message-----

From: OBrien, Edward [mailto:Edward.OBrien@mso.umn.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 10:44 AM
To: Mylott, Richard
Subject: RE: statement on CFAC

Rich, how's this for me being a complete pain in your ass? Actually, I think I'm all set for today. I've just been given a hard deadline and am in full scramble mode just to put together what I have. Thank you so much for the opportunity and for putting up with my whining, but things changed just suddenly changed for me.

I'd love to talk more in the future about this very topic though.

With apologies,

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From: Mylott, Richard [mailto:Mylott.Richard@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 10:40 AM
To: OBrien, Edward
Subject: RE: statement on CFAC

I'll try and get my project lead to give you a call. We're in a bit of a deliberative mode right now so strictly for your information/ hard background would be best. What's your best number?

-----Original Message-----

From: OBrien, Edward [mailto:Edward.OBrien@mso.umd.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 4:00 PM
To: Mylott, Richard
Subject: Re: statement on CFAC

Ok. Thanks.
Even just a little background interview would help.
You have a good rest of your day.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 3, 2015, at 3:30 PM, Mylott, Richard <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov<mailto:Mylott.Richard@epa.gov>> wrote:

I'll check, but I think preference is to wait til we have a little more to say.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 3, 2015, at 1:57 PM, "OBrien, Edward"
<Edward.OBrien@mso.umd.edu<mailto:Edward.OBrien@mso.umd.edu>> wrote:

Understood.
One last try and then I'll shut up - promise. Any chance a staffer would be available tomorrow morning?

From: Mylott, Richard [mailto:Mylott.Richard@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 1:54 PM
To: OBrien, Edward
Subject: RE: statement on CFAC

Ed-- I'd love to help, but I'm coordinating with project staff who are traveling and in meetings today, so I'm most comfortable with statement at this point. I expect we may have some news in the next few weeks, will make sure I share with you directly if and when.

<http://www2.epa.gov/region8/columbia-falls-aluminum-reduction-plant#6>

From: OBrien, Edward [mailto:Edward.OBrien@mso.umd.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 1:10 PM
To: Mylott, Richard
Subject: RE: statement on CFAC

Thanks for the note, Rich.
Think I could give you a call so we could do a quick taped interview? This would make my boss happy.

From: Mylott, Richard [mailto:Mylott.Richard@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 1:07 PM
To: OBrien, Edward
Subject: statement on CFAC

Ed-- not much affected by the CFAC closure news. The closure of the plant does not change EPA's focus on working with the state, the local community, and the site owners to fully assess the site and take cleanup actions that are necessary to protect human health and the environment.

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